RD AN No. <u>3626</u> (4274-D) March 22, 2001

SUBJECT: USDA Rural Development Loan Information System

Virginia Tech Cooperative Agreement

TO: State Directors, Rural Development

ATTN: Business Programs Directors

## **PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:**

This Administrative Notice (AN) will provide information and guidance regarding the USDA Rural Development Loan Information System (System) developed under a cooperative agreement with Virginia Tech. The System is an on-line database for collecting and storing data on ultimate recipients of revolving loan funds capitalized through the Intermediary Relending Program, Rural Business Enterprise Grant program, and the Rural Economic Development Grant program.

## **COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:**

This replaces AN No. 3491 (4274-D) dated November 9, 1999.

## **IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Neither you nor the intermediaries should make further efforts at this time to update the System. The cooperative agreement with Virginia Tech has expired, and there are no plans to renew it. The System's equipment and data have been transferred from the Virginia Tech campus to the Rural Development National Office. It is still accessible to Rural Development staff, including State Office staff, using the same user ID and password as before. The new URL is 199.158.80.167. However, it has been placed behind a firewall, so it is no longer accessible by anyone outside USDA.

EXPIRATION DATE: FILING INSTRUCTIONS:
March 31, 2002 Preceding RD Instruction 4274-D

Please inform any intermediaries who were using the system. Any intermediaries who were providing information to the System in lieu of Form RD 1951-4, "Report of IRP/RDLF Lending Activity," should resume regular submission of completed Form RD 1951-4.

Efforts are also under way to expand the Rural Community Facility Tracking System (RCFTS) screens for ultimate recipient loans. We hope to transfer the data from the System to RCFTS. We will provide guidance on how to use the expanded RCFTS screens when they become available.

(Signed by William F. Hagy III)

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